Appl. No. 10/538,706

Amdt. dated March 28, 2006

Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of March 16, 2006

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 16, 2006, on the above identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested. With this amendment, the claim numbers and claim dependency numbers have been corrected.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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